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SUPERIOR COURT ACKNOWLEDGES WILL OF VOTERS, CLEARS PROPOSITION B FOR IMPLEMENTATION

San Diego, CA: Superior Court Judge Luis Vargas today denied a state agency's request to halt Proposition B, saying it was time for the voters to get what they asked for at the ballot box.

"The Court finds traditional equitable considerations now weigh in favor of the voters, the City of San Diego and of a proper and orderly implementation of (Prop. B)," Vargas wrote in his ruling. "The Court is satisfied substantial progress is being made toward implementation of a proposition placed on the ballot by nearly 116,000 citizens and supported by a significant voter majority."

City Attorney Jan Goldsmith said he was eager for City and labor negotiators to return to the bargaining table. Today's ruling clears the way for those talks to continue.

"We need to implement Proposition B according to its terms in a legal and fair manner," Goldsmith said. "We're happy to continue meeting and negotiating with our labor unions to help make that happen."

The state Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) had sought a preliminary injunction to stop Proposition B from taking effect. It was acting on an Unfair Practice Charge brought by the San Diego Municipal Employees Association.

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